

levels. She is a legislatively appointed member to the Connecticut Milk Regulation Board, Connecticut Food Policy Council, the Farm-land Preservation Board, and served on the Speaker's Task Force on Children and the Recession, as co-chair of the Sustinet Adult and Child Obesity Task Force and the Task Force on Child Obesity. She has testified before the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources Committee on school nutrition programs and currently sits on the steering committee of the Connecticut Coalition Against Childhood Obesity. Under her tenure End Hunger Connecticut has been awarded the Congressional Hunger Center's "Victory Against Hunger" award three times and Lucy was most recently awarded the Raymond Wheeler/Paul Wellstone Award from the Food Research and Advocacy Center.

On a more personal note, I cannot thank Lucy enough for many years of friendship and support. Since our first meeting, we have been sisters-in-arms—kindred spirits—in the battle against hunger. From protecting SNAP benefits to growing the summer meals program to bringing the Witness to Hunger event to New Haven, she has been the staunchest of advocates and always just a phone call away. I will be forever grateful to her for all the help and guidance she has given to me and my staff over the years. I am honored beyond measure to be fortunate enough to call her my friend.

Lucy's passion, expertise, and unwavering advocacy has made all the difference at End Hunger Connecticut but most importantly in the lives of the individuals, children and families she has served every day throughout her career. I am proud to stand today to extend my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to Lucy Nolan for her invaluable contributions to the fight against hunger in Connecticut and across the nation. Though she will be missed, I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this next chapter of her life.

TRIBUTE TO GREENWOOD VIL- LAGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 4 THOMAS BISHOP

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to Greenwood Village City Council Member for District 4 Thomas Bishop for his many years of hard work and dedication to the City of Greenwood Village. Council Member Bishop's leadership and vision has, amongst other accomplishments, contributed to Greenwood Village's reputation as one of the best in Colorado.

Council Member Bishop has consistently and effectively guided city council policy towards improving the quality of life at a time of growth and expansion. He has continually provided his guidance and leadership as a member of the Greenwood Village Citizens Budget Committee, the Autumn Hills Homeowners Association, and as the Vice-Chairman of the Greenwood Village Planning and Zoning Commission.

Outside of his service on the Greenwood Village City Council, Council Member Bishop has also dedicated his time making our com-

munity and the State of Colorado a better place. He served as the President and as the Secretary of the Denver Southeast Rotary Club and as a member of the Colorado Municipal Bond Supervision Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, City Council Member Thomas Bishop represents the very best in public service that the State of Colorado and our nation has to offer. I offer my sincere appreciation for his unyielding dedication to public service and I wish him the very best of luck as he leaves the Greenwood Village City Council and moves on to future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAC- RAMENTO RAINBOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. As 2017 marks the 15th anniversary of this important organization, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce for its commitment to promoting LGBTQ-run businesses in the Greater Sacramento Region.

For the past 15 years the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce has been a tireless advocate for LGBTQ-owned businesses through advocacy, facilitation, business development, education, access to procurement opportunities and supplier diversity channels, and community support. The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce has been crucial in the transformation of the Greater Sacramento Region into a prosperous and business-friendly environment that is inclusive of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender business owners and professionals. I applaud their focus on creating opportunities for their membership to grow their businesses in the Sacramento region.

In addition to their advocacy work for local businesses, the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's Rainbow Chamber Foundation has contributed more than \$40,000 in scholarships for LGBTQ youth. They have also focused on fundraising for other non-profit organizations that help support LGBTQ youth, and collaborated with other community groups, including the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center and the National Suicide Prevention Program Trevor Project among others.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce for their fifteen years of service to their members and the community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their exemplary activism on behalf of and in support of businesses run by members of the LGBTQ community.

RECOGNIZING ARTURO N.
BENAVIDES, SR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Arturo N. Benavides, Sr.

Mr. Benavides was born on February 26, 1938 to Anita and Carlos Y. Benavides, Sr. He graduated from St. Joseph's Academy before eventually attending Fordham University and the University of Dallas. He would go on to start several successful business ventures in a variety of fields including ranching, real estate, land development, oil and gas, and the hotel industry. He would also serve in the Texas National Guard.

Despite his busy and successful business career, he was actively involved in several causes for the benefit of his community. He understood the importance of a good education and helped fund several college scholarships for students in Laredo, TX. A generous supporter of the South Texas Food Bank, Mr. Benavides helped establish three Kids Cafés where meals would be served for low-income kids.

Due to his philanthropy and service over the course of several decades, he would receive many honors. His recognitions and awards include: being the honoree at the Empty Bowls Gala sponsored by the South Texas Food Bank, representing the United States as LULAC 12's Senor Internacional and Tejano Achiever, and serving as Honorary President of the Republic of the Rio Grande.

Mr. Benavides' legacy will live on in the countless people that he helped during his remarkable life. He will be remembered not only for his success in business but also by how much he cared for those around him. He remained humble and was never one to boast about his accomplishments. He was focused on creating results not on receiving recognition. His life serves as an example to us all.

He is survived by his daughter, Anna (John) Galo; his son, Arturo N. Benavides, Jr.; two grandchildren, John Roman Galo and Zoe Zelin Benavides; his brother, Carlos Y. (Leticia) Benavides, Jr.; his cousin, Arturo Tomás (Leslie) Benavides; nieces and nephews, Carlos Y. Benavides III, Guillermo D. Benavides, and Linda Cristina (Patrick) Alexander; and the mother of his children, Gloria Casso Benavides.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Arturo N. Benavides, Sr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, due to my need to be back in my district to help my community recover from Hurricane Irma, I was unable to be present for Roll Call Votes 516 through 529.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 516; YEA on Roll Call No. 517; YEA on Roll Call No. 518; YEA on